

## BUSINESS MEN PLAN TO BEAT FENDER LAW—BOY HIT BY AUTO DIES

Those members of the big business crowd who are actively fighting against safeguards for heavy motor trucks were uncovered last night when they pulled off a meeting in the Hotel Sherman.

The roll of those present included representatives from the Fair; Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.; The Daily News, Sprague-Warner's wholesale house, the Star Motors Co., The American Express Co., the H. Paulman Co., agents for the Pierce-Arrow and stockyards packing houses.

Plans were laid to force the city council to back up from its stand for the fender law. Big business men and little business men were told to see their aldermen and use every means to get them to vote for a repeal of the law that the people want and business doesn't.

Someone will introduce a repealing ordinance before the first of the year, it was said. Then every member is urged to put his shoulder to the wheel and crowd the aldermen until they kill the auto truck fender ordinance. Over \$3,000 has been collected up to date for use against the ordinance.

"It certainly looked as though they would do anything rather than come across with the cash for fenders," said a business man today who attended the meeting. He would not allow his name to be used for fear that his firm might suffer.

"Wm. Jennings, attorney for the Motor Truck Owners' Ass'n told those present that 'Chief Healey doesn't care whether the fender law is enforced or not.' He gave them the idea that the chief was with them. His tip on this line, he told them, came from the corporation counsel's office in the City Hall.

"Speakers for the Motor Truck Owners' ass'n told the business men that the pending suit for an injunc-

tion before Judge Smith might result in their favor. If it didn't they were told that an attempt would be made to get the ordinance repealed.

"Nothing was said about the number of people killed every year by motor trucks. The little business men who were present at the meeting seemed to be the 'fish.' They were told that the people didn't really care about fenders, that the law wouldn't hold water and that the people were with the truck owners, that fenders wouldn't prevent accidents.

"They told the little fellows a lot of things. One speaker said he wouldn't mind putting fenders on the sides of his trucks, but he didn't think they were any good on the front."

While the business men were planning a fight on the safeguards little Willie Gruber, 9 years old, was writhing upon a bed at his home, 2141 Roscoe st., suffering from crushing injuries he had received a few hours before when an Armour & Co. truck ran over him in front of his home.

He died just about the time the Hotel Sherman meeting was over.

## —O—O— BUTCHER 28, ROB 400, IN MEXICO TRAIN ROBBERY

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 2. — Twenty-eight Mexican de facto soldiers forming escort of train on Mexican Central railway line were butchered in cold blood, 400 passengers were lined up and robbed, and a German subject beaten senseless by 200 Villista bandits at Laguna last Monday, when the railway line was cut by Villistas.

## —O—O— THREE SCHOOL GIRLS FATALLY HURT IN TROLLEY CRASH

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 2.—Three young school girls were probably fatally hurt, Peter Knott, driver of a school hack, badly injured and 17 other school children less seriously hurt when a line car on the Portland division of the Indiana Union Traction Line crashed into the school hack at Como, near Portland, Ind.